



WASHINGTON STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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17th Legislative District, Position 1

2010 Olympia Update



Real Results

- The Opportunity Express Act (HB 2630), which moves thousands of unemployed people into job training and college, targeted to high-growth industries. Opportunity Express is a win-win for businesses and workers.
- The Evergreen Jobs Act, which has already brought in over \$16 million in new federal funds to create more than 5,000 new jobs in clean technology and clean energy.
- A new \$37 million engineering building at WSU Vancouver.
- The Opportunity Internships Act (HB 1355), which pairs high school students with internships at local companies in high-demand fields, and lets them earn a scholarship for college or apprenticeship.
- Better training benefits for troops in the Guard and Reserves.
- Fewer fees and less regulation for small business.
- Major education reform.
- Transparency in school spending.
- Dropout prevention.
- Easier payment options for property taxes.
- Careful budgeting: picking cuts wisely and protecting top priorities as Vice Chair of Appropriations for Education.
- Fiscal discipline: voted against tax increases, cut office budget by 50 percent, refused pay during the special session.

Working with you to build:

- The world's premiere economy.
- The world's best-educated people.
- The world's most-skilled workers.
- The world's largest middle class.
- A community that works together to make life better for all of our neighbors, as well as ourselves.

I work for you!
Contact me anytime.

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EDUCATION
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Dear friends and neighbors,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the Washington State House of Representatives. I promised to focus on jobs, economic recovery, fiscal discipline, and education, and that is exactly what I did.

- I voted against all new taxes, cut my own office budget in half, and refused to accept pay during the special legislative session. Families all across Clark County are figuring out how to make do with less, and government needs to, as well.
- With a large team of local advisers and supporters fighting by my side, I was able to pass an entire package of bills to help our economy recover and help businesses create jobs. We will attract the best jobs in the world, by having the strongest work ethic and the most skilled people in the world.
 - A major new program to train workers for the industries that will lead us out of the recession. Industries like high-tech manufacturing, clean technology, and health care are still having trouble finding skilled workers, even as unemployment reaches record highs. Now, we can connect unemployed people into training for those jobs. That helps companies, unemployed people, and our economy as a whole. Many local leaders helped design this new approach, which became law as the Opportunity Express Act.
 - I wrote the Evergreen Jobs Act (HB 2227), to accelerate the state's efforts to bring jobs to Washington State. It was projected to create 15,000 jobs by the year 2020. It has already brought in \$16 million in new federal money that will create over 5,000 jobs, and it is just getting started.
 - A new \$37 million engineering building at WSU Vancouver. This attracts more high technology jobs to our area and expands our economic base.
 - Two bills—one I wrote, one I co-sponsored with Norma Smith (R, Whidbey Island)—to reduce fees and over-regulation of small businesses. The small business sector creates more jobs than any other part of our economy, and we need to untie their hands.
 - The Opportunity Internships Act, which gets thousands of high school students into internships with local businesses, so they can learn the work ethic and earn a scholarship for college or apprenticeship.
- I changed the law to help our troops in the Guard and Reserves. These troops are often unemployed here at home, in between deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan, and now they can access training benefits and keep moving forward during that time.

I work very hard for you, and I focus on common-sense nonpartisan ideas that make a real difference. Our town is a place where people care about their neighbors, look out for one another, and work together for the good of all. That's what I love about Clark County, and I'm doing my best to carry your good example to Olympia.

It is truly a privilege to serve you.

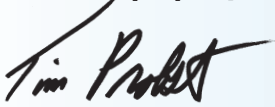
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Dear constituents,

These resources can help you save your home, save an employee's job, and save a *lot* of money on college costs and property taxes.



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Avoiding Foreclosure

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions

1-877-894-4663

http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/foreclosure_help.htm.

Washington State Housing Finance Commission

1-800-767-4663

<http://wshfc.org/admin/contact.htm>

Saving Jobs

The Shared-Work Program allows employers to temporarily reduce work hours of full-time employees by as much as 50 percent, while the workers can receive partial unemployment benefits to replace some of those lost wages.

1-800-752-2500

<http://www.esd.wa.gov/uibenefits/faq/shared-work.php>

Paying for Higher Education

- The **American Opportunity Tax Credit** pays up to \$2,500 per student, per year, for tuition and related expenses, for families with income up to \$180,000. <http://www.irs.gov/recovery>
- **Running Start** allows high-school juniors and seniors to attend college classes tuition-free – and earn credits both for high school and for college.
<http://www.k12.wa.us/RunningStart/default.aspx>
- **Running Start for the Trades** allows high-school juniors and seniors to take classes that prepare them to enter a full-time apprenticeship after they graduate.
360-902-5320
<http://www.k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/WhyCTE.aspx#7>

Senior Property Tax Exemption

If you are a senior citizen or disabled, Washington has two programs that may help you pay your property taxes and/or special assessments. Your household income and your age or disability determine your eligibility for both programs.

Washington State Department of Revenue

(360) 570-5867

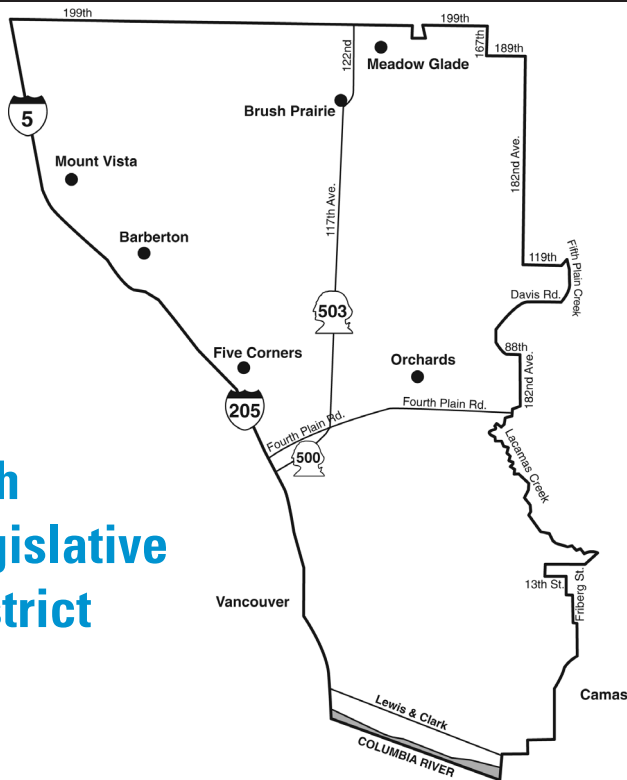
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